

ALL THINGS ARE YOURS

1 Cor 3:18-23

People competing for lime light.

Addicted to praise of men.

Two kinds of reasons why boasting and glorying should stop.

1 Cor. 3:18 *Deceive*: seduce wholly, beguile

Quit fooling yourself.

1 Corinthians 3:19

Piper: *So if you want to be really wise, Paul says, wise in God's eyes, you have to believe things and do things that the world will regard as foolish -- that a crucified Jewish teacher is the Lord of the universe; and that the way to joy is the Calvary road.*

...For it is written, ... Job 5:13 Eliphaz giving advice to Job.

Craftiness: subtle, full of trickery

Taketh: traps, catches, grasp with hand.

A person needs to quit promoting himself as some great one because it will turn on him.

1. God will trap them.

2. God sees through them.

Degrees and prestige among men gives nothing when comes to relationship with God.

1 Corinthians 3:20 Psalm 94:11

Vain: empty, futile, meaningless.

vv 18-20 root of glorying in men seems to be pride.

Humble yourself and become a fool that you may become wise.

Prov. 14:3 *Rod*: something which hurts, disciplines, maims.

A foolish man beats down others by proud tongue.

First step to becoming wise...become a fool!

Recognize that own human wisdom is moronic

1 Corinthians 3:21-23 *For all things are yours;*

Don't glory in men because everything belongs to you.

You are special.

Secure in Christ.

Two kinds of boasters: proud and insecure.

Glorying in men fueled by deeply rooted sense of insecurity.

Remember — in Christ he has all things.

Hero worshipper--- deeply rooted sense of insecurity.

Pride manifested:

1. I can handle all problems.
2. Nobody can handle my problems.

Relation to Christ

1. Don't need Christ
2. Needs are so great Christ can't meet them.

Piper: *Indictment and deliverance! That's the work of saving grace! Indictment: "If you think you are wise become a fool!" Deliverance: "All things are yours!"*

1 Corinthians 3:22 *World:* whole universe Matt 5:5; Rev 21.

Joseph Parker *Oh, I did not own a foot of it, but it was all mine. The owner came down to see it once a year, but I walked its miles day after day.*

Life: abundant, spiritual, eternal.

We have quality of life that cannot be diminished or tarnished or lost. 2 Peter 1:3-4

Death: enemy of mankind overcome by Christ.

Death simply means to bring us into presence of Jesus. Philippians 1:21

Things present: synonym for life.

Everything have and experience. Romans 8:37-38

Things to come: best yet to come.

God has future in hands.

1 Corinthians 3:23 *And ye are Christ's;* reason all things yours because belong to Christ.

Christ is God's. Jesus Christ one day hand over kingdom to God the Father.

Believers considered heirs... ; Romans 8:17

We have inherited glory of Christ . Jn 17:22

Secure in fact that *know that all things work together for good* ...Romans 8:28

So What?

Why do we glory in men?

Why get caught up in prestige and popularity?

Why always be right

Why reach out and strike down everyone?

Could it be true? We are insecure?

Boast not, and fear not.

Be humble and be brave.

Be secure in Christ.